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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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## RECORD OF MEETING

**September 21, 2011**

**(No Quorum Present)**

| COMMISSIONERS  | ORGANIZATION                            | EMS AGENCY<br>STAFF | POSITION                |
|--|---|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> David Austin (Exc)            | LAC Ambulance Assn                      | Cathy Chidester     | Director, EMS           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Binch        | Public Member, 4 <sup>th</sup> District | Kay Fruhwirth       | Assistant Director, EMS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald B. Clute    | HASC                                    | Richard Tadeo       | Assistant Director, EMS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Edelston                 | Public Member, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District | Marilyn Rideaux     | Commission Liaison      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Flashman (Exc)         | LACMA                                   |                     |                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clayton Kazan, MD  | CAL/ACEP                                |                     |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaim Kolodny                 | Public Member, 1 <sup>st</sup> District |                     |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Luo, M.D. (Exc)          | So. CA Psychiatric Society              |                     |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Margulies, MD (Exc)        | LA Surgical Society                     |                     |                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray Mosack         | CA State Firefighters' Assn.            |                     |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daryl Parrish (Exc)           | League of California Cities             |                     |                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Pratt, MD    | American Heart Association              |                     |                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lt. Andres Ramirez | Peace Officers Assn.                    |                     |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carole Snyder (Exc)           | Emergency Nurses Assn.                  |                     |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jon Thompson (Exc)            | LA County Fire Chiefs Assn.             |                     |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Washburn                 | Public Member, 5 <sup>th</sup> District |                     |                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VACANT                        | Public Member, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District |                     |                         |
| GUESTS   |   |                     |                         |
| David Ybarra   | WestCoast Ambulance                     | Rick Larson         | Trans Life Ambulance    |
| Jaime Garcia   | HASC                                    | Patrick Powers      | Lynch Ambulance         |
| Robert Barnes  | LAC Police Chiefs                       | Kristine Cash       | APCC                    |

(Ab) = Absent; (Exc) = Excused Absence

## CALL TO ORDER:

The Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) meeting was held in the EMS Commission Hearing Room, 10100 Pioneer Blvd, Santa Fe Springs, 90670. An informational meeting proceeded at 1:15 PM as there was not a quorum of the membership present.

## INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Self introductions by everyone present at the meeting.
- Executive Director, Cathy Chidester, announced that the reason there was not a strong attendance at the meeting was because the EMS State Commission was also meeting in San Diego. Chairman David Austin and Commissioner Daniel Margulies, M.D., who was recently appointed to the State EMS Commission, were attending that meeting in San Diego.
- Commissioner Frank Pratt, M.D., announced that he would not seek another term on the EMSC. He has requested that the American Heart Association recommend another candidate for the seat. Commissioner Pratt commended Ms. Cathy Chidester and Dr. William Koenig for their efforts in keeping the Commission in tact.

## CONSENT CALENDAR:

Cathy Chidester commented on the following correspondence:

- 2.7, a letter from the EMS Agency to ambulance companies regarding recent changes to the Los Angeles County Code, Title 7, Chapter 7.16, Ambulances, and Chapter 7.14, License Fees which were approved by the Board of Supervisors
- 2.8, a letter from the EMS Agency to Battalion Chief David Frelinger, Los Angeles Fire Department for participation in June 30, 2011 Hospital Emergency Response Team Exercise

## 5. BUSINESS (Old Business)

### 5.1 Status of Policy Initiatives

- *Improving Transportation Mechanism of 5150 Detainees by Law Enforcement*  
Ms. Chidester stated that she had made a number of requests to the CEO staff assigned this project, for an update on the issue but had not received a response. Commissioner Ramirez commented that this issue has been on the EMSC agenda for about three years and does not seem to be moving. Commissioner Binch stated that the CEO was mandated to report back to the Board of Supervisors but has continuously requested extensions. He expressed concern regarding other problems that are escalating in the emergency departments with psychiatric patients as a result of the transport issue.
- *Augmenting EMS Commission Membership*  
Ms. Chidester reported that the draft ordinance is expected to go before Board of Supervisors on the October 10 agenda.
- *Physician Services for Indigent Patients (PSIP) Auditor-Controller Draft Report*  
A memo dated September 20, 2011 from DHS to the Board of Supervisors regarding revised reimbursement rates for PSIP was distributed. Ms. Chidester reported that the reimbursement rate was reduced by the Board from an approved 27% to 18% for FY 09-10 and FY 10-11 and must be reduced even further to 14% as the funding is less than projected and claims are higher than projected. Starting in FY 11-12, the reimbursement rate will be 14%. Outstanding claims for FY 10-11 will be reimbursed at the lesser rate.

### 5.2 Pediatric Advisory Committee

Nothing to report

### 5.3 Chapter 13 Task Force/AB210 (Solorio)

The State EMS Authority's Chapter 13 Task Force activities were put on hold for 90 days due to the work this task force was doing and its' similarity to AB 210 was causing confusion with both efforts.

AB 210 became a two year bill and its contents were gutted and the language was moved to AB 1387 in September 2011. EMS and other constituents want to make sure the Bill does not have a negative impact on medical control by the County.

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**(New Business)**

**5.4 Flu Season**

Information provided by Public Health was reported, which included:

- Flu season has not officially started in Los Angeles County. No cases of the flu have been reported.
- The Southern Hemisphere had a mild flu season and this pattern is usually mimicked in the Northern Hemisphere.
- The Influenza vaccine is a good match for the circulating influenza viruses.

**6. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

None

**7. LEGISLATION**

- AB 210's language rolled over to AB 1387 which became a two-year Bill
- AB 861 became a two-year Bill
- AB 881 became a two-year Bill
- AB 1245 was recalled

**8. EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Ms. Chidester commented on the Trauma Quarterly Report for the first quarter of 2011. The report consistently monitors trauma patients and the types of injuries sustained. The total number of trauma patients in the system has shown a slight decrease.

**The meeting ended at 1:47 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: November 16, 2011  
EMS Commission Hearing Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
EMS Agency  
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Recorded by;  
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